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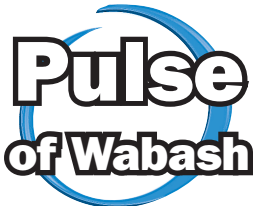
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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Mike Almon acoustic guitar concert planned

Come and listen to a variety of acoustic guitar music from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 35 E. Market St. Call 260-563-4475 for more information.

Christmas at the Museum Annual Banquet planned

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St., will be hosting Christmas at the Museum Annual Banquet.

'Paint Like Bob Ross' at the NMPL

Two "Paint Like Bob Ross" classes are scheduled in December at the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL). The first, "Seasons Greetings," will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11. The second, another "Poinsettias" session, will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. This class requires registration and a \$20 materials fee upon registering. Space is limited. Register at the front desk or call 260-982-4773.

Downtown businesses to extend hours on select dates

Participating shops will be open until 7 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

Red Cross blood donation opportunity set for Dec. 12

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester.

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Joint investigation lands one in jail

WPD: Chad H. Jackson had active warrants for escape, parole violation

BY ROB BURGESS
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Area law enforcement agencies were able to locate a suspect earlier this week who had active warrants for escape and parole violation, according

to Capt. Matt A. Benson, Wabash Police Department (WPD) public information officer.

The WPD received a tip at around 10:09 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 that Chad H. Jackson was in a residence located in the 400 block of West Market Street.

"WPD officers knocked on the door of the residence, but no one would answer," stated Benson. "The tip was thoroughly investigated and substantiated."

Benson stated at that time, the Wabash County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, Lafontaine Marshall's Office and two police K-9s assisted the WPD in setting up a perimeter around the residence.

A search warrant for the residence was then obtained. At approximately 11:55 p.m. entry was made into the residence and Jackson was taken into custody.

"This joint law enforcement effort enabled police to get Jackson back in jail

with no one being injured," stated Benson.

According to court records, Jackson was charged Nov. 26, 2014 with a felony for knowingly or intentionally violating a home detention order or intentionally removes an electronic monitoring device or GPS tracking device committing escape, and a misdemeanor for theft, with a habitual offender enhancement.

Jackson pleaded guilty to the charges Sept. 17, 2015, and entered into a plea

agreement.

On Oct. 22, 2015, Jackson was sentenced to two years, with an additional three years of enhancement. Jackson earned 99 days credit for pre-sentence confinement.

On April 19, the Wabash County Circuit Court received correspondence from Wabash County Community Corrections requesting they deny Jackson placement in a Community Transition Program. That order was granted Aug. 2.

2020 Lilly Scholar to be announced Monday



WYATT DAVIS, WABASH HIGH SCHOOL



LEVI FULKERSON, NORTHFIELD JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL



SHYLA JUDY, SOUTHWOOD JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL



JACKSON SIMONS, SOUTHWOOD JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL



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PAYTON SODERVICK, WABASH HIGH SCHOOL

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FINALISTS: The Community Foundation of Wabash County will announce the recipient of the 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, a full-tuition, four-year scholarship for one student from Wabash County at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9 in the Honeywell Room of the Honeywell Center.

There are six finalists for this year's full-tuition, four-year scholarship prize

BY ROB BURGESS
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The Community Foundation of Wabash County will announce the recipient of the 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, a full-tuition, four-year scholarship for one student from Wabash County at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9 in the Honeywell Room of the Honeywell Center, according to a statement to the Plain Dealer from Julie Garber, program director.

The announcement will be made at a private dinner for the six finalists, their families and school representatives, stated Garber.

This year's finalists

Garber stated this year's list of finalists is not a secret, but the name of the

recipient will not be available until the event.

The finalists for this year are:

■ Wyatt Davis, Wabash High School.

■ Levi Fulkerson, Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School.

■ Shyla Judy, Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.

■ Anna Pyle, Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.

■ Jackson Simons, Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.

■ Payton Sodervick, Wabash High School.

Scholarship requirements

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is designed to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana and to increase the abil-

ity of Indiana's community foundations to offer scholarships to students, according to the organization.

Wabash County will select one Lilly Scholar in 2019. This number is based on Lilly Endowment guidelines and the population figures for Wabash County.

The program will provide scholarships for full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis, leading to a baccalaureate degree at any Indiana public or private college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Asso-

ciation of Colleges and Schools. The recipient of the prestigious award will be known as a Lilly Endowment Community Scholar.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

■ Be a current resident of Wabash County, and if required, provide proof of county residency for every semester of the junior and senior years of high school.

■ Have graduated in the current academic year with a diploma from an accredited Indiana high school.

■ Be accepted to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study beginning in the fall of 2020 as

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Manchester announces plan for academic program changes

Plans include phasing out several majors, minors with low enrollment

BY ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University is adding, adjusting and redesigning programs, allowing it to better align its offerings with what students and employers say they want.

This process includes plans to phase out several majors with low enrollment – public relations, economics, physics, engineering science, modern languages and secondary education mathematics.

Students already enrolled in those programs will be able to graduate with those majors and minors, and all current students will have until the end of this academic year to declare those majors or minors and finish them through Manchester.

Of Manchester's 1,078 undergraduate students, the total enrollment in the majors being phased out is 25.

As the University looks to phase out those programs with low enrollment, it is also adding and changing other programs. A data science major will start this fall, for example, and faculty are working to redesign the Spanish, sociology and mathematics majors with added emphasis on practical applications.

"Adding new programs and strengthening existing ones helps us prepare students for good jobs or graduate school as soon as they graduate," said Manchester President Dave McFadden. "For example, we are developing a bachelor's degree in nursing as well as a master's degree in nutrition and nutrigenomics. This fall we launched a 3+1 Master of Accountancy, which allows a student to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in four years."

The pivot toward courses with strong potential, including the health sciences, is intentional.

"We are investing in programs that have the potential to grow," McFadden said. "That means reinventing some existing majors and ultimately phasing out others."

In late October, Manchester announced that two faculty positions were

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Fairy House Workshop set for Dec. 14

Salamonie Lake program offers opportunity to create unique gift

STAFF REPORT

If you're looking for a unique holiday gift, the Fairy House Workshop is for you.

The program will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Salamonie Interpretive Center

at Salamonie Lake, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to a press release.

During this two-hour workshop, participants will create a miniature forest world.

The cost is \$5 per person

payable day of the event. Materials will be provided, with extra materials available for purchase.

Advanced registration is required by calling 260-468-2127. Limited space is available. The suggested age for the program is 10

and above, and those under 18 should be accompanied by an adult.

The Nature Art Designs activities are made possible with support by the Indiana Arts Commission and the Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services.

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‘It’s all history now’

Adelaide Steele Baylor’s fame as an educator was international, and the Wabash woman won high marks from a British magazine just days after she retired in 1935. The London-based magazine “Town and Country Review,” published a lengthy article that lauded Baylor for her achievements in vocational education at the national level in America.

Pete Jones



A graduate of Wabash High School in 1878, Miss Baylor first rose to prominence in Indiana as superintendent of Wabash City Schools. When she was appointed to that position in 1903, she became the first woman in to head a public school system in Indiana. Before moving to positions in Washington, D.C., where she held important positions in what was then known as the U.S. Office of Education, Miss Baylor was assistant superintendent of the Indiana Department of Education. She died in 1936 and is buried in Falls Cemetery.

On this day

The routine of a quiet Sunday 78 years ago today was shattered when news reached Wabash that Japanese forces had bombed the American naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. To most people here, it was not surprising that war had come, but how it came was a shock. Word of the attack reached Wabash shortly before 1:30 p.m. local time on Dec. 7, 1941. In those days before television, people who were tuned to programs on the NBC radio network were the first to hear of the attack. Wabash was in the Central Time zone then, five and one-half hours ahead of Honolulu, which was in a time

zone with a half-hour split. At the Hotel Indiana (now the Charley Creek Inn), Sunday diners were lingering over dessert and coffee when Joe Welty, the amiable manager of the hotel, came through the double doors of the dining room and announced that Pearl Harbor had been attacked. A momentary silence fell over the room. Welty quickly brought in a radio and placed it on an empty table near the doors so that diners could hear the latest news bulletins. Early radio reports were sketchy and repetitive, and so the dining room cleared out as customers left for home.

At the Eagles Theater across Market Street from the hotel, the afternoon matinee went on as scheduled, but periodically the projectionist stopped the film and displayed typed notes bringing bulletins from Hawaii onto the screen. People who were there recalled that the audience was restless, and several patrons gave up concentrating on the film and headed home to sit by their radios.

George Boles, manager of the Western Union office in the Hotel Indiana, went downtown to help the lone telegraph operator on duty. Sundays were usually slow at Western Union here, but Boles correctly anticipated a flurry of activity as Wabash families tried to contact servicemen and relatives in far-flung places. The next day’s edition of the Plain Dealer carried the stark headline “WAR IS DECLARED” in type that was two-and-one-half inches high. Those were the days when newspapers were produced in “hot-type” cast from molten lead, but headlines of that size were set by hand from letters made of wood.

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Wabash Musicale holds monthly meeting

Meeting held Nov. 26 at the Roann United Methodist Church

Staff Report

Wabash Musicale met Nov. 26 at the Roann United Methodist Church with 21 members and two guests present, according to a press release. President Carolyn Eppley welcomed the ladies and turned the meeting over to chairperson Sheri Shanks. Kae Gifford sang, “When the Moon Comes Over

the Mountain,” a popular song published in 1931 and made famous by Kate Smith. She was accompanied by Eileen Dye. Peggy Coppler played “Voluntary,” an organ piece by Jennie Allatt written in the 1870s. Judy Ward performed “America the Beautiful” on the piano, with lyrics by Katharine Lee Bates, music by Samuel A. Ward, and arranged by Fred Bock. Kris Stephens, accompanied by Emily France, sang “Climb Every Mountain,” from the 1959 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical “The Sound of Music.”

Emily France played “Gather Us In” by Marty Haugen. She next accompanied Kris Stephens who sang “Summertime” from the opera “Porgy and Bess” written by George and Ira Gershwin. “God Bless America,” written by Irving Berlin during World War I in 1918 and revised in 1938, became the signature song of Kate Smith and was played by Judy Ward. Kae Gifford and Sheri Shanks sang, “Take Me Home, Country Roads,” written by Bill Danoff, Taffy Nivert and John Denver. It became Denver’s most popular song. Eppley

accompanied the song. Emily France followed with “Joy” by George Winston. Coppler played “Loud Organ Voluntary” by Manuel Emilio. Kris Stephens ended the program with “Go Tell It on the Mountain” compiled by John Wesley Work Jr. and arranged by Robert Sterling. France accompanied the song. A short business meeting followed. Carolyn introduced new member Muriel Morrison. Refreshments were served by Connie Doud, Dorothy Merrick, Kris Stephens and Judy Ward.

GOP Rep. pitches LGBTQ rights bill with religious exemptions

BY ELANA SCHOR Associated Press

As Democrats champion anti-discrimination protections for the LGBTQ community and Republicans counter with worries about safeguarding religious freedom, one congressional Republican is offering a proposal on Friday that aims to achieve both goals. The bill that Utah GOP Rep. Chris Stewart plans to unveil would shield LGBTQ individuals from discrimination in employment, housing, education, and other public services — while also carving out exemptions for religious organizations to act based on beliefs that may exclude those of different sexual orientations or gender identities. Stewart’s bill counts support from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but it has yet to win a backer among House Democrats who unanimously supported a more expansive LGBTQ rights measure in May.

But the uphill climb for his plan doesn’t daunt Stewart, who sees the bill as a way to “bridge that gap” between preventing discrimination and allowing religion to inform individual decisions. “I don’t know many people who wake up and say ‘I want to discriminate’. Most people find that offensive,” Stewart told The Associated Press. “There are people who, and I’m included among them, have religious convictions that put them in a bind about how to reconcile those two principles.” The Utah lawmaker’s legislation comes as the Supreme Court prepares to rule on cases that touch squarely on the issue of employment discrimination against LGBTQ people, who currently do not receive specific protection in federal civil rights laws. While 21 states have laws that bar employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, Democrats in Congress and running for president are pushing for a federal statute that would

provide broader protections. But that more sweeping bill’s chances of passage are low unless Democrats take back full control of Congress as well as the White House, given President Donald Trump’s opposition and Republican critics who warn of a risk to religious freedom. That prospect has informed Stewart and outside groups’ work on a proposal to enshrine rights for the LGBTQ community while also preserving the right for religious groups to act in accordance with their faiths. Among other faith-based exemptions to anti-discrimination protections in the bill is an allowance for religious groups such as churches and schools to employ those who align with their internal guidelines, according to a summary provided in advance of its release. The bill also would prohibit religious groups that oppose same-sex marriage from having their tax-exempt status revoked. “We have taken back the religious liberty principle from extremists who I think

do want to do harm to LGBTQ people and minority rights,” said Tyler Deaton, a senior adviser to the American Unity Fund, a nonprofit supporting Stewart’s bill that seeks to build conservative support for LGBTQ rights. Deaton added that some religious conservative groups who were consulted on the bill ultimately chose not to endorse it. Despite that resistance from some on the right, Stewart’s bill sparked sharp criticism from progressives who decry its exemptions as large enough to enable ongoing mistreatment of LGBTQ individuals. “We need to address the real and pervasive problem that is discrimination against LGBTQ people, and everyone should come to the table to address the problem,” said Laura Durso, a vice president at the left-leaning Center for American Progress. “But what we cannot do is treat LGBTQ people as second-class citizens by creating carve-outs that enable discrimination.”

Clamor as Greta Thunberg joins climate activists in Madrid

BY ARITZ PARRA and FRANK JORDANS Associated Press

MADRID — Climate activist Greta Thunberg said Friday that calls for real action against climate change are still being “ignored” by political leaders despite their continuous praise of the global environmental youth movement she helped create. The Swedish teen was in Madrid, where United Nations-sponsored talks on climate change are underway, to join fellow young climate activists, representatives of Latin America’s indigenous peoples, and thousands of other protesters. Before marching, Thunberg said at a press conference that she hoped the COP25 summit would lead to “something concrete” and “increasing awareness among people in general.” “We have been striking now for over a year, and still basically nothing has happened,” she told reporters, surrounded by three activists from Spain and Uganda. “The climate crisis is still being ignored by those in power.” The 16-year-old was followed by a swarm of cameras and reporters from the very first step she took out of an overnight train from Lisbon. The advocate of carbon-free transportation arrived in the Portuguese capital earlier this week after sailing across the Atlantic Ocean from the United States by catamaran. During the Dec. 2-13

talks, nearly 200 countries are meant to streamline the rules on global carbon markets and agree on how poor countries should be compensated for destruction largely caused by emissions from rich nations. An official directly involved in the negotiations said that despite a few setbacks, the technical negotiations were progressing, although many issues were being left for ministerial-level meetings in the summit’s second and final week. The official, who asked to remain anonymous given the sensitivity of the discussions, added that a political declaration on greater “ambition” — a buzzword at the summit — was shaping to be “difficult to achieve.” “A summit that doesn’t end with enhanced ambition would be something that nobody would understand if we take into account what the streets and science are telling us,” the official said. The talks came as evidence mounts about disasters that could ensue from further global warming, including a study commissioned by 14 seafaring nations and published Friday predicting that unchecked climate change could devastate fishery industries and coral reef tourism. The study commissioned by seafaring nations says climate change could cause hundreds of billions of dollars in losses by 2050, adding that limiting global warming would lessen the economic impact for coastal countries, but that they

also need to adapt to ocean changes. Demands for greater action by non-governmental organizations and a whole new generation of environment-minded activists were expected to take the spotlight with the presence of Thunberg in Madrid. Past appearances have won her plaudits from some leaders — and criticism from others who’ve taken offense at the angry tone of her speeches. Asked about the skepticism on global efforts to fight the warming temperatures expressed by some world leaders, including U.S. President Donald Trump and Brazil’s Jair Bolsonaro, she said: “Some people want everything to continue like now, they are afraid of the change that we, the youth, are bringing.” “They try so desperately to silence us,” she added. Next to her, Vanessa Nakate, a 22-year-old member of Uganda’s chapter of Fridays for Future said that young activists don’t want more promises. “We are tired of the praises that you keep giving the activists,” she said. “We want you to act.” During an earlier surprise visit to the venue of the talks, Thunberg joined a group of some 40 teens staging a sit-in there to demand real action against climate change. In the presence of dozens of media cameras and curious summit participants, the protesters sang songs and exchanged chants:

“What do you want?” “Climate Justice” “When do you want it?” “Now!” Thunberg did not appear unsettled by the commotion surrounding her presence. “It’s absurd. I laugh at it. I do not understand why it has become like this,” she was quoted as saying by Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet, whose reporter rode with them in an electric car in Madrid. “I don’t like being at the center of the focus all the time, but this is a good thing,” she told Aftonbladet. “As soon as the media writes about me, they also have to write about the climate crisis. If this is a way to write about the climate crisis, then I guess it is good.” Separately Friday, an alliance of American states,

cities, academic institutions and companies opened its own venue at the U.N. climate talks, aiming to show that despite the federal administration’s decision to pull the U.S. out of the Paris accord, many Americans remain committed to the treaty’s goal of curbing global warming. Elan Strait, who manages the “We Are Still In” initiative for the environmental conservationist World Wildlife Fund, said the movement is “a short-term band-aid not only to get those carbon dioxide emissions down but also to encourage policymakers to lay the ground for further achievements.” “And that, regardless of the color of the government that is in power,” Strait said. Over 3,800 organizations

and corporations representing 70 percent of U.S. economic output have joined the coalition, organizers claim, amounting to roughly half of the country’s emissions. The U.S. Climate Action Center is hosting Mandela Barnes, the lieutenant governor of Wisconsin; Pat Brown, the chief executive of non-meat burger company Impossible Foods; Bill Peduto, the mayor of Pittsburgh; and others. The venue is funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies, a charitable organization founded by billionaire businessman and former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg, who is now seeking the Democratic nomination to run in the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

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Betty C. ‘Judy’ Lafferty
Jan. 18, 1950 - Dec. 5, 2019

Betty C. “Judy” Lafferty, 69, of Wabash, passed away at 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019. She was born in Paintsville, Kentucky on Jan. 18, 1950 to the late Charles and Mary (Blair) Fairchild.

Judy married George Lafferty in April of 1976; he passed away on Feb. 28, 2019. She worked as

a homemaker and was a member of the Wabash Freewill Baptist Church.

Calling hours will be from 4 - 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, 2019 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Man charged in bar gunfight that killed another man

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A man is facing four charges including murder in connection with a bar gunfight that killed another man.

Derek Oechsle, 32, of Beech Grove also was charged Thursday with attempted murder, battery and criminal recklessness in connection with the fatal shooting of Christopher

Smith, 41, of Indianapolis on Nov. 29 at Jake’s Pub.

Witnesses told police Oechsle came into the bar and sat down across from a group celebrating Smith’s bachelor party, The Indianapolis Star reported, citing a probable cause affidavit. One member of the group who told police Oechsle stared at him asked Oechsle if he thought he

was pretty. Oechsle got up, pulled out a gun and hit the man in the head with it, the affidavit said.

Smith was trying to separate the two when Oechsle allegedly fired and struck Smith several times, the affidavit said. Smith suffered one shot to the head and one shot that hit multiple organs.

Another witness pulled

out his own gun and shot Oechsle, who then ran outside and fell, the affidavit said.

Smith and Oechsle were transported to a hospital, where Smith was pronounced dead.

Oechsle was booked into the Marion County Jail. His attorney said he had no comment on the case at this time.

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scheduled for elimination at the end of this academic year and three will end at the close of the 2020-21 academic year.

No specific announcements were made about program changes then, in large part because Manchester has been taking a measured approach to figuring out how to best shift toward programs that prospective students want and strengthen existing programs that are doing well or have greater potential.

“Faculty identified other promising ideas during our program review this fall and we are actively exploring those possibilities to-

gether,” McFadden said in announcing the program phase-outs today to students, faculty and staff.

In coming months, the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the full undergraduate faculty will make final decisions on plans announced Tuesday:

- The public relations major will be phased out, but MU will continue to offer a public relations minor. (Note: Those who wish to become public relations or marketing professionals would also be able to do so in the future through the existing communication studies or marketing major.)
- The economics major and minor will be phased out, but classes in economics will continue.

- The middle school and secondary education mathematics major and minor are being phased out.
- A combined major in philosophy and religious studies is being created, and students currently majoring in one or the other will be able to graduate with that major. Religious studies can also be pursued as part of the psychology and religious practice major starting next fall. Separate minors in philosophy and religious studies will still be offered.
- Manchester will phase out the engineering science major and the physics major and minor. Physics classes will still be offered after that major is phased out.
- The modern languages

major, as well as the French and German minors, will be phased out.

The total enrollment in minors being phased out is 15.

McFadden says the University remains focused on its mission: Manchester University respects the infinite worth of every individual and graduates persons of ability and conviction who draw upon their education and faith to lead principled, productive, and compassionate lives that improve the human condition.

“The liberal arts remain fundamental to who we are,” McFadden said. “Faculty are redesigning our general education liberal arts curriculum to serve our students well at this time in history. We want it to be

easier for students to have more than one major, for example, and to add minors. They will still receive a solid liberal arts foundation, and the additional majors and minors will make them more employable and more versatile as they move through their careers.

“If we make wise decisions now, the future is bright,” McFadden said. “We have been evolving and changing since we started this noble endeavor in 1889. Over the years, students have changed, the economy has changed and technology has changed. We adapted to those changes and they made us stronger.”

Manchester continues to invest in physical improvements at its campuses.

This fall, it dedicated the new Lockie and Augustus Chinworth Center and Arthur L. Gilbert College of Business, and work on a new athletic stadium is well under way. The Jean Childs Young Intercultural Center opened a year ago. The University has finished work on an eSports arena and will field two varsity-level teams this spring. Over the summer and into the fall, the school upgraded residence halls and food service areas. On the Fort Wayne campus, it upgraded its building to include the Master of Athletic Training program.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

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a first-time freshman at an accredited Indiana college or university.

- Hold a grade point average equivalent to 8.0 or better on a 12.0 point system.

Applicants have been evaluated on the following scholarship criteria:

- The student exhibits an appreciation and understanding of the value of education and the potential to succeed in college.
- The student exhibits an achievement in academics, extracurricular activities, community service, and/or work.
- The student exhibits good character, maturity, and leadership abilities.
- The student demonstrates a commitment to improving the quality of life in the community through volunteer and service activities.
- Other considerations include family financial factors, any unusual circumstances, and status as a potential first-generation college graduate.

Previous winners

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Garber provided a list of previous winners back to 1998.

“You’ll notice that in the early years Wabash County had two and three recipients each year. After several years, the program was scaled back to one recipient for a county our size,” stated Garber.

The following list includes the year of the award, name of recipient, the college or university they attended or are attending (if available), their major (if available), the year of their graduation or expected graduation from college or university (if available), and the high school they attended or are attending (if available):

- 1998, Tara Eads, Manchester College, 2002.
- 1999, Maria Kay (Swinger) Inskip, Butler University, 2002.
- 1999, Abigail Rhoads, Indiana University-Bloomington, 2003.
- 2000, Nathan Lundquist, Wabash College,

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2015 FINALISTS: These were the 2015 finalists.

psychology, 2004, Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.

- 2000, Noelle (Myers) Pulliam, Butler University, communications, 2004, Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2001, Johnny Miller, Purdue University-West Lafayette, health fitness, 2005, Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2001, Rebecca (Brackenhamer) Griffy, DePauw University, English, 2005, Wabash High School.
- 2001, Mollie Cripe, Earlham College, sociology and anthropology, 2005, Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2002, Ashley Penrod, Ball State University, education, 2006, Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2002, Catherine (Dea) Etner, Purdue University-West Lafayette, French, 2006, Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2002, Lindsey Emrick, Indiana University-Bloomington, biology, 2006, Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2003, Craig Biehl, Purdue University-West Lafayette, mechanical engineering technology, 2007,

2014 FINALISTS: These were the 2014 finalists.

Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School.

- 2003, Colby Halderman, University of Indianapolis, sociology, 2007, Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2003, Beauregard Midgough, Purdue University-West Lafayette, environmental health science and industrial hygiene, 2007, Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2004, Krista Searles, Indiana Wesleyan University, nursing, 2008, Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2004, Zackery Hamilton, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, computer science, 2008, Wabash High School.
- 2004, Andrea Baer, Purdue University-West Lafayette, nursing, 2008, Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2005, Tyler Olson, Indiana University-Bloomington, mathematics, 2009.
- 2005, Holli Novinger, Butler University, public and corporate communications, 2009.
- 2006, Yi Dong, Indiana University-Bloomington, accounting and finance, 2010, Wabash High School.
- 2006, Erica (Steele) Bogner, Butler University,

marketing, 2010, Wabash High School.

- 2007, Evan Bowman, Indiana Wesleyan University, intercultural studies, 2011, Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2007, Katy Wellman, Butler University, Graduated, vocal performance, 2011, Wabash High School.
- 2008, Ann Marie Eliott, DePauw University, 2012, Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2008, Amanda Dubuque, DePauw University, psychology, 2012.
- 2009, Marissa Johnson, Butler University, psychology, 2013, Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2009, Laura Merriman, Ball State University, Visual Communications, 2013, Wabash High School.
- 2010, Alyssa Adams, Indiana Wesleyan University, elementary education and exceptional needs, 2014, Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2010, Ethan Powell, Purdue University, construction engineering, 2014, Wabash High School.
- 2011, Josh Unger, Purdue University, professional flight technology, 2015, Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2012, Jesse Hamm, Purdue University, environmental ecological engineering, 2016.
- 2013, Cutter Koehler, Butler University, pre-pharmacy, 2017, Wabash High School.
- 2014, Mariah Mobley, Purdue University, plant science, 2017, Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2015, Michael Lengel, Purdue University, chemistry, 2019, Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2016, Kolten Kersey, Indiana University-Bloomington, biology and Spanish (prenmedicine), 2020, Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2017, Cheyenne King, Oakland City University, missions, 2021, Wabash High School.
- 2018, Jessica Bott, Butler University, business, 2021, Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.
- 2019, Faith Macy, Northfield High Jr.-Sr. High School.

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inspiration corner

Daily scripture

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

our take

Giving experiences as presents

It's easy to spend hundreds of dollars on the latest tech gear, but in all reality, less-expensive gifts can make more of an impact.

Getting a flashy GPS watch or wireless earbuds can turn heads during the holiday seasons, but technology fades and becomes obsolete, which is by design.

If you're looking to leverage your cash this Christmas, think outside the box – in fact, don't even think about boxes at all. Think about gifting something that gets better with time, something that will bring joy for longer than five years.

Researchers say you can get more bang for your buck by spending your money on experi-

ences, not material things. Buying your husband tickets to see his favorite sports team is said to have a more lasting impact than spending the same amount of money on material things. The same goes for taking your significant other to a nice dinner as opposed to buying them jewelry or other expensive things.

Even if it's taking your children or grandchildren to the park or taking them to another community to explore, those are things they will remember forever.

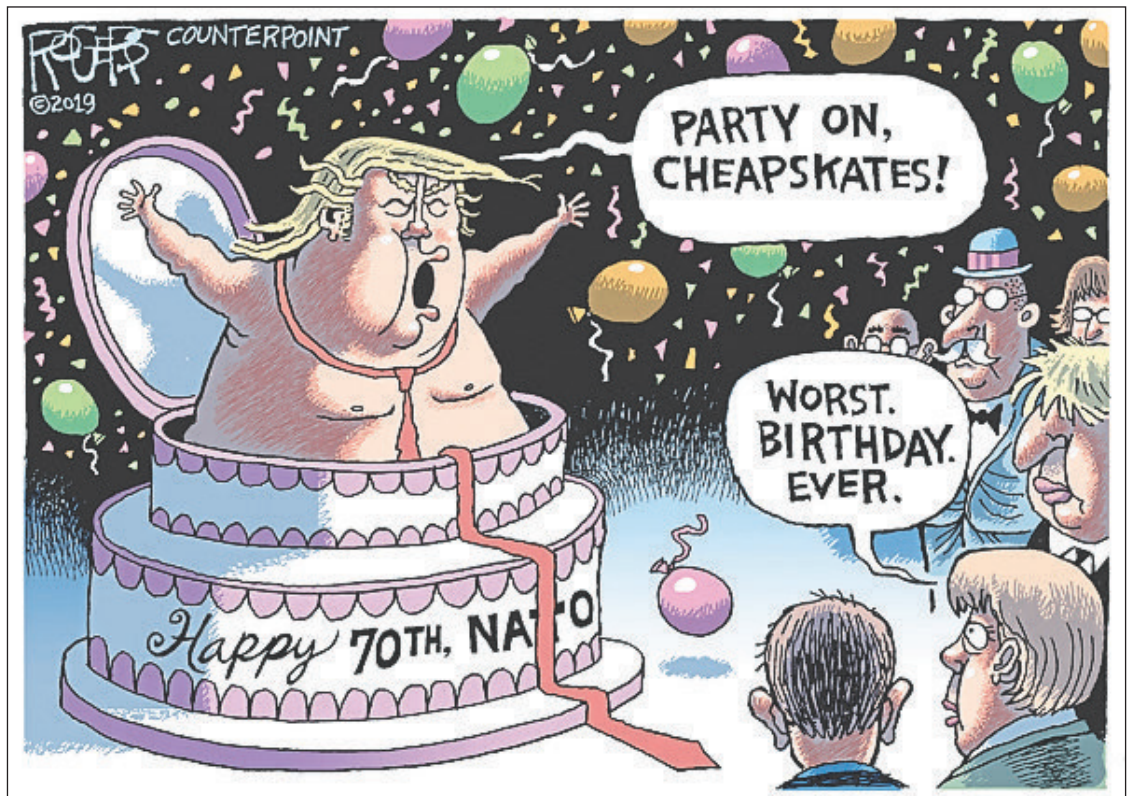
You're making memories that will elicit warm emotions that will outlast any fad or trend. You're showing that you care about spending time with them.

It's easy to think money buys love in a society built around capitalism, but love will always be measured in a way money can't touch. Simply your presence in someone's life can bring incomparable joy.

This Christmas put down your credit card and spend time with your family and friends. Time is one of the most precious gifts we can all give.

If you're feeling extra generous, give your community a gift and volunteer this holiday season. You'd be surprised to find that you'll probably get just as much out of it as you put in.

A happy Christmas can't be bought. It's earned.



Next Level employees, neighbors, and citizens

The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) has the tremendous responsibility of keeping our facilities safe and secure for each offender, staff and the public in general. But our responsibility goes far beyond physical aspects. We work diligently to provide educational opportunities for offenders, inclusive of life and vocational skills, to make their time of incarceration meaningful. Its important to know and understand the vast majority of offenders about 90 percent will be released.

Rob Carter



COMMISSIONER: Rob Carter, left, is the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction.

3,007 certificates awarded in high demand fields by the conclusion of 2018.

Step 2. Readiness
Have you ever forgotten or misplaced your drivers license? Do you remember the panic you felt until it was safely back in hand? Ponder this, how about not even having an ID at all?

To alleviate this stress the IDOC works diligently to provide offenders with re-entry readiness tools. In 2018 we partnered with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles to issue 3,177 identification cards. Additionally, we retrieved 4,051 birth certificates and 3,839 social security cards for soon-to-be released offenders.

Another challenge to overcome is reluctance to hire former offenders. To help ease such concerns an Offender Passport was created. The passport includes a detailed overview of the offenders education, programming participation, employment, and general conduct history.

With the right training, proper identification, and background history in hand, its time to get HIRED!

Step 3: HIRE

This step is crucial finding meaningful employment for offenders before being released!

HIRE stands for Hoosier Initiative for Re-Entry program. Created in 2012 by the Department of Workforce Development to help returning offenders reintegrate into society. At the recommendation of Governor Holcomb, the

HIRE program was transitioned to the IDOC in early 2019. With this transition I challenged our HIRE team to assist the soon-to-be released offenders by early engagement of employers through virtual job fairs, facility tours, coordinate pre-release interviews through face-to-face, phone and video interaction and IDOC employer days.

In the short time since integration with the IDOC, the HIRE staff have made tremendous strides. As the year 2020 rapidly approaches, Im highly confident more offenders will leave our facilities with meaningful employment and bright futures.

Next Level employees, neighbors and citizens

You may be thinking, This sounds great for those returning from incarceration, but what does this mean to me? I want each person reading this to know my staff and I are working to prepare these returning citizens for success. This success translates into a stronger workforce for Indiana, where former drainers of tax dollars become contributors. It means your homes are being built stronger, buildings are welded better, and those apps you're using aren't crashing. But even more than that, it means were returning better neighbors and that translates into safer communities where all Hoosiers can thrive and reach their personal next level.

Rob Carter is the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction.

Christian persecution is increasing in many nations

It is a given that American Christians will gather in churches this Advent season to celebrate the miracle of Christmas. We will hear the familiar passage from Isaiah 9:6: "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us," words that foretold a messiah's birth.

Andrea Neal



We will sing "Silent Night" in candlelit sanctuaries. We will do these things because they are the comfortable routines of Christian faith.

There are places in the world, however, where such routines are subversive acts. There will be no reading of the Bible at the Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, China. The pastor there,

Wang Yi, was arrested last December for organizing a prayer meeting marking the 10-year anniversary of the Sichuan earthquake. There will be no public worship in Pakistan where "members of the Christian minority and others remain at risk of blasphemy accusations that can arise from trivial disputes and escalate to criminal prosecution and mob violence," according to Freedom House's 2019 Freedom in the World report.

Prayers will be shared quietly and only between friends in northern Nigeria where the militant group Boko Haram terrorizes believers and has "set out to eliminate Christianity and pave the way for the total Islamization of the country," as reported by the Catholic Bishop Conference of Nigeria. There will be no mention of Christmas in North Korea, whose citizens are encouraged to spend Dec. 24 remembering the birthday of Kim Jong-un's late grandmother, the "sacred mother" of that country's 1948 communist revolution.

Safe in our pluralistic and mostly tolerant western world, American Christians take for granted the free exercise of religion and are oblivious to the geographic spread of prejudice against people of faith. Earlier this year, the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office issued an independent study of Christian persecution worldwide, incidents ranging from church bombings to clergy kidnapping to unsubstantiated blasphemy charges. The report concluded that, "In some regions, the level and nature of persecution is arguably coming close to meeting the international definition of genocide" and that "Christianity now faces the possibility of being wiped-out in parts of the Middle East where its roots go back furthest." As examples: In Syria, the Christian population has dropped from 1.7 million in 2011 to under 450,000 today. In Iraq, ethnic cleansing has diminished the size of ancient Christian communities from 1.5 million in 2003 to 120,000.

In a country that prides itself on the First Amendment's free expression clauses, what explains our inattention to the denial of religious freedoms elsewhere? Perhaps Christians are unaware of the issue in light of more extensive media coverage of anti-Muslim and anti-Jewish hate crimes here and abroad. The British study, "Bishop of Truro's Independent Review for the Foreign Secretary of FCO Support for Persecuted Christians," speculates that western guilt has kept Britain and others from confronting persecution in countries where their previous interactions may have been unwelcome or unwanted, as occurred in colonial relationships in Asia, the Middle East, or Africa. "But this is not about special pleading for Christians," the authors write. "It is an equality issue. If one minority is on the receiving end of 80 percent of religiously motivated discrimination it is simply not just that they should receive so little attention."

When Christian persecution is exposed, it will bring attention to all forms of religious oppression, the authors argue. "If Christians are being discriminated against in one context or another you can be confident other minorities are too. So renewing a focus on Christian persecution is actually a way of expressing our concern for all minorities who find themselves under pressure. And ignoring Christian persecution might well mean we're ignoring other forms of repression as well."

While alarming, the British study is not surprising. It affirms 10 years of Pew Research showing increasing governmental restrictions on religious activity worldwide. The latest Pew report indicated that Christian groups were harassed in 144 nations in 2016, up from 128 the year before, with China leading the world in government-sponsored restrictions on religious exercise. Muslims were second most targeted, persecuted in 142 countries.

The incidents are so routine that most receive little media coverage. On Dec. 1, gunmen attacked Christian worshippers in the West African nation of Burkina Faso, killing 14. As believers prayed, assailants on motorbikes sprayed bullets into the Protestant congregation. This Christmas, Americans should be both thankful for a First Amendment that protects our holiday routines and more aware that, for others around the globe, claiming Christ as Messiah is fraught with danger.

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Governor: Pensacola shooter was Saudi aviation student

BY BILL KACZOR
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Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — An aviation student from Saudi Arabia opened fire in a classroom at the Naval Air Station Pensacola on Friday morning, the Florida governor said, an attack that left three dead in addition to the assailant.

The assault, which left eight others injured, was the second at a U.S. Navy base this week and prompted a massive law enforcement response and base lockdown.

Twelve people were hurt in the attack, including two sheriff's deputies who were the first to respond, one of whom killed the shooter, Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan said. One of the deputies was shot in the arm and the other in the knee, and both were expected to recover, he said.

All of the shooting took place in one classroom and the shooter used a handgun,

authorities said. Kinsella noted that weapons are not allowed on the base. The base remained closed until further notice and those still there would be evacuated when authorities decided it was safe to do so, Kinsella said.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis confirmed at a news conference that the shooter was a member of the Saudi military who was in aviation training at the base. DeSantis spokesman Helen Ferre later said that DeSantis learned about the shooter's identity from briefings with FBI and military officials.

The shooter was identified as Mohammed Saeed Alshamrani, a member of the Saudi military, a U.S. official told The Associated Press. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

Earlier Friday, two U.S. officials identified the student as a second lieutenant in the Saudi Air Force, and said au-

thorities were investigating whether the attack was terrorism-related. They spoke on condition of anonymity to disclose information that had not yet been made public.

President Donald Trump declined to say whether the shooting was terrorism-related.

Saudi state media did not immediately report on the shooting. The kingdom has relied on the U.S. to train its military.

"Obviously, the government of Saudi Arabia needs to make things better for these victims," DeSantis said. "I think they're going to owe a debt here, given that this was one of their individuals."

Base commander Capt. Tim Kinsella confirmed at a news conference that the shooter was an aviation trainee at the base. He would not comment on his nationality or possible links to terrorism.

President Trump tweeted his condolences to the fami-

lies of the victims and noted that he had received a phone call from Saudi King Salman. He said the king told him that "the Saudi people are greatly angered by the barbaric actions of the shooter, and that this person in no way shape or form represents the feelings of the Saudi people who love the American people."

One of the Navy's most historic and storied bases, Naval Air Station sprawls along the waterfront southwest of downtown Pensacola and dominates the economy of the surrounding area.

Part of the Pensacola base resembles a college cam-

pus, with buildings where 60,000 members of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard receive training each year in multiple fields of aviation. The base's training program includes a couple hundred from countries outside the U.S., Kinsella said.

The base is home to the Blue Angels flight demonstration team, and includes the National Naval Aviation Museum, a popular regional tourist attraction.

Lucy Samford, 31, said her husband, a Navy reservist and civilian worker on the base, was about 500 yards

from where the shooting happened. She said she got a call from him a little after 7 a.m. and "one of the first things out of his mouth was, 'I love you. Tell the kids I love them. I just want you to know there's an active shooter on base.'"

Her husband, whom she declined to identify, later told her he was OK.

The shooting is the second at a U.S. naval base this week. A sailor whose submarine was docked at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, opened fire on three civilian employees Wednesday, killing two before taking his own life.

3 Indiana homeowners aim to limit Lake Michigan beach access

PORTER (AP) — Three lakefront property owners in a northwestern Indiana town are challenging a state Supreme Court ruling that guaranteed public access to Lake Michigan beaches.

The lawsuit was filed Thursday in a Hammond federal district court on behalf of Porter homeowners Randall and Kimberley Pavlock, who own a Chicago property management and brokerage company, and Raymond Cahnman, chairman of the TransMarket Group trading firm and a former director of the Chicago Board of Trade, The (Northwest Indiana) Times reported.

The suit seeks to repeal the Indiana Supreme Court's landmark 2018 Gunderson v. State ruling that established that the lake's shoreline is open to all and that adjacent property owners

can't exercise exclusive control of the beach between their homes and the water. The decision set the ordinary high water mark, defined as the line on the shore created by the fluctuations of water, as the boundary between the

state-owned land under Lake Michigan and the interests of private property owners.

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Apache wrestling knocks off Zebras

The Wabash wrestling team downed Rochester at home on Thursday, winning 45-30. Victories came from Jared Brooks, Ethan Higgins, Anthony Long, Robert Barnett, Braden Brooks, Traydon Goodwin, Matthew Skeens, Chad Wyatt, Jr., and Grant Warmuth.

Wabash swimming drops close contest

The Apache boys' swim team lost to Tippecanoe Valley on the road on Thursday, 87-84. Seth Blossom took home wins in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard butterfly, setting school records in both in the process. Michael Cordes took first in the 200-yard freestyle and Taylor Coffman took first in the 500-yard freestyle.

Hoosiers, Allen agree to new 7-year, \$27.3 million contract

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — Indiana coach Tom Allen has agreed to a new seven-year contract worth more than \$27 million. The deal announced Friday runs through the 2026 season and will average \$3.9 million per year. Allen's 18 wins in his first three seasons are a school record. The Hoosiers this year beat rival Purdue to record their first eight-win season since 1993 by bringing the Old Oaken Bucket back to Bloomington for the first time in three years. Indiana will learn Sunday where it is headed for its first bowl game in three seasons. If the Hoosiers get their first post-season win since 1991, they will tie the school's single-season record for victories (1967). Athletic director Fred Glass said the first three years of the deal are fully guaranteed while the compensation for the final four years is 50% guaranteed and the deal, which is not yet complete, will include bowl game, championship and buyout provisions consistent with those of other coaches in the conference.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



RETURN: Wabash's Haylie Faust (left) returns a serve during the Apaches' regional game against Tipton this fall.

All-District, All-State honors announced for volleyball

STAFF REPORTS

The Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association (IHSVCA) and Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association (ICGSA) recently released their postseason honors for the 2019 volleyball season. The IHSVCA's All-District teams featured multiple athletes from Wabash County. The Class A North District team saw Northfield's Addi Baker selected as one of the 12 members. Baker was one of only two members on the team not from Fort Wayne Black-

hawk or Pioneer along with Madison Shedrow of Culver Community. Baker's 379 kills on the season led Northfield and was the second-highest mark in the Three Rivers Conference (TRC) on the year. Baker also led the team in aces and was second in digs. A trio of Apaches earned spots on the Class 2A North District team in libero Haylie Faust and middle hitters Alivia Short and Mariah Wyatt. Faust led the TRC in digs at 725 on the season while Wyatt and Short

finished second and fifth, respectively, in blocks on the year. A host of familiar faces joined the Wabash trio on the North District team with fellow TRC athletes Alivia Riegle and Kaitlin Rogers of Rochester and Morgan Howard of Whitko were also named to the team. The ICGSA, meanwhile, released the 2019 Academic All-State team where Wabash's Lexi Westendorf received earned an Honorable Mention. To be eligible for Aca-

demic All-State honors, an athlete must be a senior with a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. The athlete must also have a minimum SAT score of 1110 on the verbal and math sections or a minimum ACT composite score of 24. For the Apaches this fall, Westendorf stepped in as the starting setter and recorded 536 assists while helping guide Wabash to its second-straight sectional title. Wabash would advance to the sectional final before bowing out to Wapahani.

NFL

Colts, Bucs in must-win mode to keep playoff hopes alive

BY FRED GOODALL
AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — The Indianapolis Colts know what it takes to thrive under the pressure of a race for a playoff berth. The young Tampa Bay Buccaneers are trying to learn. A year after staging a torrid stretch run to make the postseason in their first season under coach Frank Reich, the Colts (6-6) find themselves in a familiar position of needing to win their last four games to give themselves a good shot at earning another berth. The Bucs (5-7) have won three of four following a 2-6 start and vow to keep fighting until they are mathematically eliminated from contention. "They're a team that's in the same situation as us," Tampa Bay coach Bruce Arians said. "It's a one-game season."

The Colts know all about that after overcoming a 1-5 start last season by winning nine of their last 10 — including four straight down the stretch in December —

to grab an AFC wild-card berth. Jacoby Brissett is quarterback this year instead of the retired Andrew Luck, but the challenge remains the same as Indianapolis tries to right itself after dropping four of five to fall from first to third place in the AFC South. "Obviously, we would have liked not to be in that position again, but we're here and we know we have to win games," Colts tackle Anthony Castonzo said. "Frank (Reich) did a good job speaking about that and what you did to this point doesn't matter. You can't rely on any of that information in the future. ... I know everybody on this team is committed to playing one week at a time," center Ryan Kelly added. "Obviously, we have a tough four games ahead, but if you take it one game at a time, you'll be fine."

Arians, the former Cardinals coach who also led Indianapolis to the playoffs as interim coach for 12 games in 2012, said the Bucs will benefit from a strong finish

— even if it doesn't produce Tampa Bay's first playoff in 12 years. "We talked about it. ... If you want to feel like you're in the playoffs, you're in it. Right now," Arians said. "They are one-game seasons. You lose, you're done. Then you play for fun."

REICH'S RESPECT

Reich hasn't spent much time over the years around Bruce Arians. But he's heard plenty of stories about the longtime assistant and has plenty of respect for the man who earned the first of two coach of the year awards filling in for Indy coach Chuck Pagano in 2012. And Reich figures not much has changed as Arians completes his first season as Tampa Bay's head coach. "I guess there are guys like (Bill) Belichick where you're like, 'Don't try to be like him,'" Reich said. "You try and be like Bruce Arians. I could never pull that off, I don't know if anybody could from what I understand. You just know the players that play for him — they will die

for him."

SHARING THE WEALTH

The Bucs defense is tied for fifth in the NFL with 21 takeaways. That's four more than they had all of last season, when Tampa Bay ranked 22nd. Nine players have forced fumbles, eight have recovered an opposing team's fumble, and eight have interceptions. The unit has also scored four touchdowns, compared to one in 2018.

HILTON'S OBSTACLE

Four-time Pro Bowl receiver T.Y. Hilton has missed four of the last five Colts games, and there's no guarantee he'll play this week, either. Hilton returned from a calf injury against Houston two weeks ago but sat out last week after aggravating the injury in practice. He did not work out Wednesday and with only four regular-season games left, some wonder if he'll make it back this

NFL

Brady, Patriots to face Mahomes, Chiefs in AFC title rematch

BY MARK FARINELLA
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady wanted to make one thing clear: He did not injure his toe during a tryout to become the New England Patriots' new placekicker. "Nope, that's not how I hurt it and I'm not the new kicker," the star quarterback said. The 42-year-old Brady actually has kicked in the NFL. He's punted three times in 20 seasons, with a long of 48 yards against Denver in the 2011 playoffs. But the Patriots' search for a new place-kicker — and they still did not have one present at practice on Friday following the release of Kai Forbath earlier in the week — will have to go on without Brady, who is focusing his preparation on the Kansas City Chiefs' defense prior to Sunday's home game. It's a rematch of last season's AFC championship game, a 37-31 New England victory in overtime at Arrowhead Stadium. The Patriots enter at 10-2, having lost 28-22 at Houston last Sunday. The Chiefs are 8-4 and have won their last two games. The Patriots traditionally bounce back well from losses, and Brady said it was because Bill Belichick puts the team in the proper frame of mind. "There's been a lot of urgency, I think, both when we win and when we lose," Brady said. "Coach puts us right back into the mode of preparation, and gets us ready to play a game. This is a big one, it's on our schedule next, and it's a big challenge for us."

Brady said there are changes in the Chiefs' defense from last year's AFC title game, which was to be expected with the hiring of Steve Spagnuolo as defensive coordinator. "They have a lot of playmakers and have added some guys that are making a lot of plays for them," Brady said. "(Defensive end) Frank Clark, (safety) Tyrann Mathieu, and they have guys that have been there, (safety Daniel) Sorenson, (cornerback Bashaud) Breeland's a good player, (cornerback Charvarius) Ward was there last year, so, I've got a lot of respect for this defense. They make you earn it."

In the midst of his film study, however, Brady said he couldn't help but be impressed by the play of his opposite number, Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes. "There's a lot of great traits, as a player and a leader," Brady said. "There are things that he does that are hard to teach."

Despite missing two games with a dislocated right kneecap, Mahomes has thrown for 2,983 yards and 20 touchdowns with just two interceptions, completing 64.5% of his passes. Brady is averaging 26 fewer passing yards per game and has thrown 18 TD passes with six interceptions, completing 61.1 percent of his tosses.

ON THE AIR

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)		12 p.m.	12 p.m.
BTN: Penn State at Ohio State		NBC: PGA Tour: The Hero World Challenge, Final Round, New Providence, Bahamas	ESPN2: Texas at Tennessee
ESPNU: Arizona at Baylor		3 p.m.	SEC : West Virginia at Mississippi State
FOX: Florida at Butler		NBC: Father/Son Challenge: Day 1, Orlando, Fla.	4 p.m.
FS1: West Virginia at St. John's		8 p.m.	ESPN: Jimmy V Classic: Notre Dame at Connecticut
2 p.m.		GOLF: ISPS Handa PGA Tour of Australasia: The Emirates Australian Open, Final Round, Sydney	COLLEGE FOOTBALL
ESPNU: Boston College at Notre Dame		HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL (BOY'S)	12 p.m.
2:30 p.m.		8 a.m.	ESPN: College Football Playoff Selection Show
FS1: Nebraska at Creighton		ESPN2: Norm Stewart Classic: Booker T. Washington (Okla.) vs. St. Louis Christian (Mo.), Columbia, Mo.	COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
3 p.m.		10 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
ESPN2: Villanova at St. Joseph's		ESPNU: Norm Stewart Classic: Tolton Catholic (Mo.) vs. Mehlville (Mo.), Columbia, Mo.	ESPN2: NCAA Tournament: Teams TBD, Championship, San Jose, Calif.
4:30 p.m.		NBA BASKETBALL	CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
BTN: Indiana at Wisconsin		7:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
5 p.m.		NBA: Cleveland at Philadelphia	NBCSN: FIS: World Cup, Women's 4x5km Relay, Lillehammer, Norway (taped)
ESPN2: Illinois at Maryland		SKIING	FIGURE SKATING
FS1: Cincinnati at Xavier		11 p.m.	4 p.m.
7 p.m.		NBCSN: FIS: World Cup, Xfinity Birds of Prey, Men's Downhill, Beaver Creek, Colo. (taped)	NBCSN: ISU: Grand Prix Final, Men's and Ladies' Free Skates, Turin, Italy (taped)
ESPN2: Colorado at Kansas		SOCCER (MEN'S)	GOLF
7:30 p.m.		9:30 a.m.	11 a.m.
CBSSN: Arkansas at Western Kentucky		FS1: Bundesliga: Bayern Munich at Borussia Mönchengladbach	GOLF: Father/Son Challenge: Day 2, Orlando, Fla.
ESPNU: Missouri at Temple		FS2: Bundesliga: Fortuna Düsseldorf at Borussia Dortmund	12 p.m.
9 p.m.		9:55 a.m.	NBC: Father/Son Challenge: Day 2, Orlando, Fla.
ESPN2: Marquette at Kansas State		NBCSN: Premier League: Liverpool at AFC Bournemouth	NFL FOOTBALL
9:30 p.m.		12:20 p.m.	1 p.m.
ESPNU: Georgetown at Southern Methodist		FS2: Bundesliga: Schalke vs. Bayer Leverkusen	CBS: Regional Coverage: Baltimore at Buffalo, Cincinnati at Cleveland, Miami at NY Jets, Indianapolis at Tampa Bay, Denver at Houston
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		12:25 p.m.	FOX: Regional Coverage: Carolina at Atlanta, Washington at Green Bay, Detroit at Minnesota, San Francisco at New Orleans
12 p.m.		NBCSN: Premier League: Manchester United at Manchester City	4:05 p.m.
ABC: Big 12 Championship: Baylor vs. Oklahoma, Arlington, Texas		SWIMMING	FOX: Regional Coverage: LA Chargers at Jacksonville
ESPN: Sun Belt Championship: Louisiana at Appalachian State		7 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
ESPN2: MAC Championship: Miami (Ohio) vs. Central Michigan, Detroit		NBCSN: U.S. Open: Day 2 Finals, Atlanta	CBS: Regional Coverage: Tennessee at Oakland, Kansas City at New England, Pittsburgh at Arizona
1:30 p.m.			8:20 p.m.
CBSSN: Conference USA Championship: Alabama (Birmingham) at Florida Atlantic			NBC: Seattle at LA Rams
3:30 p.m.			SKIING
ABC: American Athletic Championship: Cincinnati at Memphis			5 p.m.
4 p.m.			NBC: FIS: World Cup, Xfinity Birds of Prey, Men's Giant Slalom, Beaver Creek, Colo. (taped)
CBS: SEC Championship: Georgia vs. Louisiana State, Atlanta			6 p.m.
ESPN: Mountain West Championship: Hawaii at Boise State			NBCSN: FIS: World Cup, Women's Super G, Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada (taped)
ESPNU: Southwestern Athletic Championship: Southern at Alcorn State			SOCCER (MEN'S)
7:30 p.m.			8:55 a.m.
ABC: ACC Championship: Virginia vs. Clemson, Charlotte, N.C.			NBCSN: Premier League: Leicester City at Aston Villa
8 p.m.			9:30 a.m.
FOX: Big Ten Championship: Ohio State vs. Wisconsin, Indianapolis			FS1: Bundesliga: FC Köln at FC Union Berlin
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL			11:25 a.m.
7 p.m.			NBCSN: Premier League: Wolves at Brighton
BTN: NCAA Tournament: Teams TBD, Second Round (Tentative)			12 p.m.
9 p.m.			FS1: Bundesliga: SC Paderborn 07 at Werder Bremen
BTN: NCAA Tournament: Teams TBD, Second Round (Tentative)			2:30 p.m.
FIGURE SKATING			ESPNEWS: Serie A: AC Milan at Bologna
9 p.m.			
NBCSN: ISU: Grand Prix Final, Men's and Ladies' Free Skates, Turin, Italy (taped)			
GOLF			
10 a.m.			
GOLF: PGA Tour: The Hero World Challenge, Final Round, New Providence, Bahamas			

Sunday, Dec. 8

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)	
12 p.m.	ESPN2: Houston at South Carolina
2 p.m.	ESPN: Wichita State at Oklahoma State
3 p.m.	ABC: Lone Star Showdown: Texas A&M vs. Texas, Fort Worth, Texas
4 p.m.	ESPNU: Jerry Colangelo Classic: St. Mary's vs. Dayton, Phoenix
5 p.m.	SEC: Northwestern State at Louisiana State
5 p.m.	BTN: Northwestern at Purdue
6:30 p.m.	ESPNU: Jerry Colangelo Classic: Grand Canyon vs. Liberty, Phoenix
7 p.m.	BTN: Rutgers at Michigan State
9 p.m.	ESPN2: Seton Hall at Iowa State
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
2 p.m.	

SCOREBOARD

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	322	145
Buffalo	9	3	0	.750	257	188
N.Y. Jets	4	8	0	.333	204	280
Miami	3	9	0	.250	200	377

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	8	4	0	.667	293	271
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	276	234
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	261	257
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	220	292

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	10	2	0	.833	406	219
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	236	225
Cleveland	5	7	0	.417	246	272
Cincinnati	1	11	0	.083	179	298

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	348	265
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	327	234
Denver	4	8	0	.333	198	237
L.A. Chargers	4	8	0	.333	244	241

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	334	267
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	274	284
Washington	3	9	0	.250	173	290
N.Y. Giants	2	10	0	.167	230	339

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New Orleans	10	2	0	.833	298	248
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	.417	340	346
Carolina	5	7	0	.417	280	320
Atlanta	3	9	0	.250	260	323

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	289	255
Minnesota	8	4	0	.667	319	242
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	243	232
Detroit	3	8	1	.292	280	315

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	10	2	0	.833	329	293
San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	349	183
L.A. Rams	7	5	0	.583	283	250
Arizona	3	8	1	.292	255	351

Thursday's Game

Chicago 31, Dallas 24

Sunday's Games

Washington at Green Bay, 1 p.m.

Indianapolis at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

San Francisco at New Orleans, 1 p.m.

Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

Denver at Houston, 1 p.m.

Baltimore at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

L.A. Chargers at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.

Tennessee at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.

Kansas City at New England, 4:25 p.m.

Seattle at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP Top 25 Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 7

No. 1 LSU vs. No. 4 Georgia, SEC championship at Atlanta, 4 p.m.

No. 2 Ohio State vs. No. 10 Wisconsin, Big Ten championship at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

No. 3 Clemson vs. No. 22 Virginia, ACC championship at Charlotte, N.C., 7:30 p.m.

No. 6 Oklahoma vs. No. 8 Baylor, Big 12 championship at Arlington, Texas, Noon.

No. 16 Memphis vs. No. 21 Cincinnati, AAC championship, 3:30 p.m.

No. 19 Boise State vs. Hawaii, MWC championship, 4 p.m.

No. 20 Appalachian State vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, Sun Belt championship, Noon

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday's men's scores

St. Francis (NY) 84, Hartford 78

High Point 70, Elon 66, OT

Howard 94, Hampton 91, OT

Louisiana Tech 74, Mississippi Tech 67

Wichita St. 95, Cent. Arkansas 69

Abilene Christian 73, SE Missouri 64

Oklahoma 82, North Texas 80

Thursday's women's scores

Binghamton 59, Cornell 56

Fordham 51, Manhattan 45

Mass.-Lowell 56, CCSU 54

Penn St. 78, Pittsburgh 73

Richmond 64, Md.-Eastern Shore 52

Rutgers 73, Virginia 63

UConn 92, Seton Hall 78

UMass 67, New Hampshire 65

Cincinnati 58, VCU 56

Coastal Carolina 86, UNC-Pembroke 44

Davidson 75, Newberry 46

ETSU 67, Wake Forest 60

Florida St. 78, Michigan St. 68

Furman 62, Georgia St. 55

Georgia Tech 60, Wisconsin 41

Iowa St. 75, Alabama 66

Louisiana Tech 79, McNeese St. 54

NC State 66, Maryland 59

Norfolk St. 49, Longwood 46

North Carolina 65, Illinois 60

Old Dominion 69, William & Mary 58

Vanderbilt 75, Tennessee Tech 61

Virginia Tech 67, Purdue 54

Bradley 70, N. Dakota St. 64

Cent. Michigan 70, Iona 50

Dayton 58, Morehead St. 41

Drake 103, Waldorf 18

Michigan 84, Syracuse 76, OT

Milwaukee 78, N. Illinois 65

Missouri 83, Saint Louis 58

Ohio St. 67, Louisville 60

S. Dakota St. 94, Coppin St. 41

Valparaiso 77, Detroit 58

Abilene Christian 73, Tulsa 63

Florida 51, Prairie View 44

Gonzaga 70, Montana St. 55

Utah 78, Oral Roberts 58

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	15	5	.750	—
Toronto	15	6	.714	½
Philadelphia	15	7	.682	1
Brooklyn	11	10	.524	4½
New York	4	18	.182	12

Seahost Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	15	6	.714	—
Orlando	10	11	.476	5
Charlotte	9	14	.391	7
Washington	7	13	.350	7½
Atlanta	5	17	.227	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	19	3	.864	—
Indiana	14	7	.667	4½
Detroit	8	14	.364	11
Chicago	8	14	.364	11
Cleveland	5	15	.250	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	15	6	.714	—
Houston	14	7	.667	1
San Antonio	8	14	.364	7½
Memphis	6	15	.286	9
New Orleans	6	16	.273	9½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	14	5	.737	—
Utah	12	10	.545	3½
Minnesota	10	10	.500	4½
Portland	9	13	.409	6½
Oklahoma City	8	12	.400	6½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	19	3	.864	—
L.A. Clippers	16	6	.727	3
Phoenix	10	11	.476	8½
Sacramento	8	12	.400	10
Golden State	4	19	.174	15½

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte 106, Golden State 91

Milwaukee 127, Detroit 103

Orlando 128, Phoenix 114

Boston 112, Miami 98

Brooklyn 130, Atlanta 118

Chicago 106, Memphis 99

Indiana 107, Oklahoma City 100

Dallas 121, Minnesota 114

L.A. Lakers 121, Utah 96

Portland 127, Sacramento 116

Thursday's Games

Washington 117, Philadelphia 113

Denver 129, New York 92

Houston 119, Toronto 109

Phoenix 139, New Orleans 132, OT

Friday's Games

Brooklyn at Charlotte

Indiana at Detroit

Orlando at Cleveland

Denver at Boston

Golden State at Chicago

Minnesota at Oklahoma City

Washington at Miami

L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee

Sacramento at San Antonio

L.A. Lakers at Portland

Saturday's Games

New Orleans at Dallas, 2 p.m.

Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.

Memphis at Utah, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Denver at Brooklyn, 3 p.m.

Atlanta at Charlotte, 5 p.m.

Chicago at Miami, 6 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Washington, 6 p.m.

Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Sacramento at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Portland, 9 p.m.

Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NBA Leaders

Through Dec. 5

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Harden, HOU	20	215	261	789	39.4
Antekamp, MIL	22	252	143	682	31.0
Doncic, DAL	21	204	163	636	30.3
Beal, WAS	19	193	108	546	28.7
Young, ATL	21	199	133	603	28.7
Lillard, POR	20	165	137	532	26.6
Davis, LAL	21	190	144	547	26.0
Towns, MIN	18	159	82	467	25.9
Ingram, NOR	17	156	81	432	25.4
James, LAL	22	216	84	558	25.4
Siakam, TOR	20	188	78	502	25.1
Leonard, LAC	16	144	86	400	25.0
Wiggins, MIN	17	158	68	423	24.9
Mitchell, UTA	22	198	97	544	24.7
Booker, PHX	20	172	93	481	24.0
LaVine, CHI	22	170	90	496	22.5
Embiid, PHL	17	123	115	381	22.4
McCollum, POR	22	199	37	493	22.4
Walker, BOS	19	134	82	417	21.9

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	29	20	3	6	46	104	69
Florida	27	13	9	5	31	96	97
Buffalo	29	13	11	5	31	88	87
Montreal	29	12	11	6	30	95	101
Toronto	30	13	13	4	30	95	101
Tampa Bay	26	13	10	3	29	95	86
Ottawa	29	12	16	1	25	76	91
Detroit	30	7	20	3	17	63	119

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	30	21	4	5	47	112	86
N.Y. Islanders	27	19	6	2	40	80	65
Philadelphia	29	16	8	5	37	92	82
Carolina	29	17	11	1	35	91	80
Pittsburgh	28	15	9	4	34	96	78
N.Y. Rangers	27	14	10	3	31	87	89
Columbus	28	11	13	4	26	70	87
New Jersey	27	9	14	4	22	69	101

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	30	18	6	6	42	90	78
Colorado	28	18	8	2	38	103	78
Winnipeg	29	17	10	2	36	84	80
Dallas	30	16	11	3	35	79	75
Minnesota	29	14	11	4	32	88	82
Nashville	27	12	10	5	29	89	88

Chicago 28, 11 12 5 27 78 80

Pacific Division

GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Arizona 30 17 9 4 38 85 70

Edmonton 30 17 10 3 37 93 89

Vegas 31 15 11 5 35 93 88

Vancouver 29 14 11 4 32 97 86

San Jose 30 15 13 2 32 86 99

Calgary 30 14 12 4 32 77 89

Anaheim 28 12 12 4 28 75 84

Los Angeles 29 11 16 2 24 73 96

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Wednesday's Games

Colorado 3, Toronto 1

Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 0

Ottawa 5, Edmonton 2

Washington 3, Los Angeles 1

Thursday's Games

Arizona 3, Philadelphia 1

N.Y. Islanders 3, Vegas 2, OT

N.Y. Rangers 3, Columbus 2

Chicago 4, Boston 3, OT

Minnesota 5, Tampa Bay 4

Colorado 3, Montreal 2

Carolina 3, San Jose 2, SO

Dallas 3, Winnipeg 2, OT

Calgary 4, Buffalo 3

Friday's Games

Chicago at New Jersey

Montreal at N.Y. Rangers

Arizona at Pittsburgh

Los Angeles at Edmonton

Washington at Anaheim

Saturday's Games

Ottawa at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

Buffalo at Vancouver, 4 p.m.

Colorado at Boston, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Carolina, 7 p.m.

San Jose at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

Toronto at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Columbus at Florida, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 7 p.m.

New Jersey at Nashville, 8 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Los Angeles at Calgary, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Anaheim at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.

San Jose at Florida, 5 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Vegas, 7 p.m.

Arizona at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Buffalo at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Signed 2B Dilson Herrera to a minor league contract.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Traded OF Jake Marisnick to the N.Y. Mets for LHP Blake Taylor and OF Kenedy Corona.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Traded C Omar Narvaez to Milwaukee for RHP Adam Hill and a 2020 Competitive Balance Round B draft pick.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Signed INF Mike Moustakas to a four-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Waived DT Zach Sieler.

DETROIT LIONS — Released P Matt Wile from the practice squad. Signed P Jack Fox to the practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed LB Myles Jackson on IR.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Placed RB Darrell Williams on IR. Signed DB Alex Brown from the practice squad and TE Gehrig Dieter to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed D Matt Tennison on IR, retroactive to Tuesday.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Reassigned D Sean Day from Hartford (AHL) to Maine (ECHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

CINCINNATI — Signed M Haris Medunjanin.

COLLEGE

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE — Named Jessica Throum assistant women's lacrosse coach.

GOLF

Tiger Woods is everywhere in this President Cup

BY DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

The role of Presidents Cup captain typically is reserved for players in the twilight of their careers.

Nothing is typical about Tiger Woods.

Six months after he was appointed U.S. captain, he won the Tour Championship and nearly captured the FedEx Cup. While picking out team uniforms and choosing vice captains, Woods won the Masters. As he was contemplating which four players to take as captain's picks, he won in Japan for his record-tying 82nd career PGA Tour victory.

Captain or player for the Dec. 12-15 matches at Royal Melbourne in Australia?

Both.

"It's a lot of moving parts, but something I've been looking forward to for a long time," Woods said.

He is the first playing captain since Hale Irwin in the inaugural Presidents Cup in 1994, and the first captain to pick himself. Irwin won at Hilton Head that year at age 49 and qualified for the team. Woods won twice this year and is No. 7 in the world, filling out a U.S. team with all 12 players among the top 25 in the world ranking.

And with that, the long odds facing the International team got a little bit longer.

Not even the Ryder Cup with all its history started out so one-sided. The International team, cobbled together with players from countries outside Europe, has managed to only one victory in the 25-year history of this event. It was such a

blowout last time at Liberty National that he Americans were one match away from ending it on Saturday.

Leading the way for the International team is Ernie Els, who has finished runner-up to Woods more than any other player.

The Big Easy cares more about opportunity than history.

"People are not giving us much of a chance," Els said. "I mean, the whole of the U.S. team is in the top 20. We have one player in the top 20, and that's just the way it is. But somebody is going to win 15 1/2 points. And at the end of the day, that's our aim — try and get 15 1/2 points somehow off of this unbelievably talented team."

In his favor is the course and the home crowd.

Royal Melbourne is where the International team registered its only victory in 1998, a beating so thorough that Nick Price won the decisive point in the second of 12 singles matches. That was as good as it would get.

The Americans won big two years later and have been winning ever since except in 2003 in South Africa. That was declared a tie after Woods and Els went toe-to-toe for three sudden-death playoff holes until it was too dark to continue.

Woods won the clinching point at Royal Melbourne in 2011, but it was that one loss — Woods doesn't forget easily — that he keeps bringing up to his heavily favored team.

"I think it helps having Tiger as a captain, who's

been on a team that has lost at Royal Melbourne," Gary Woodland said. "He's talked a lot about that to us. We have five rookies trying to make a name for ourselves, too. And we're playing for Tiger Woods, which is pretty cool."

Not only are they playing for Woods, they are playing with him.

Woods was 149th in the world when he was appointed captain, with four back surgeries since his last victory, which some thought might have been his last. Now he is among the top 10 in the world, the Masters champion, a winner in the last PGA Tour event he played.

Woods first carried a radio and rode in a cart as an assistant captain at the 2016 Ryder Cup, and he was an assistant at the last Presidents Cup. His text messages on potential pairings and strategy are relentless. Players who have been around him say he prepares as hard as he ever did for a major.

"I know that he does not want to go down there and not come back without the cup," said Rickie Fowler, the newest addition to the team. "Tiger means business. He's not overlooking anything. And I think over the last few years, people have begun to see how much team events do mean to Tiger."

Fowler was chosen to replace Brooks Koepka, the No. 1 player in the world who is still recovering from a knee injury he aggravated in South Korea in October. Such is the strength of the U.S. team that it dipped all

the way down to No. 22 in the world to fill in for Koepka.

The International team, which has only two players with a better world ranking than Fowler, doesn't have that luxury.

It has seven players who have experienced the Presidents Cup only from in front of a television, tying a record for most rookies. The team Els assembled comes from a record nine countries, four of which have never been represented in these matches — Mexico (Abraham Ancer), Chile (Joaquin Niemann), Taiwan (C.T. Pan) and China (Haotong Li).

Only three of their players have won tournaments this year around the world. Adam Scott and Louis Oosthuizen are the only major champions.

The International team, especially after the beating it took last time, has rarely faced such long odds — or had this big of a chip on its shoulder. They are tired of losing. Scott has played in every Presidents Cup since 2003 and has never been part of the winning side.

Facing Woods as the captain and as a player makes the International challenge even greater.

"He's the ultimate competitor," Scott said. "There's no way he's not doing everything possible coming down here as a captain and a player to win this event. There's no way he wants to be the captain to a losing US team. So, it's going to be very, very difficult but we have to believe we can beat him, because I believe we can."

GOLF

Heisman chase and playoff race cross paths in champ weekend

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The Heisman Trophy chase and playoff race have become intertwined.

Since the College Football Playoff started in 2014, four of five Heisman winners have played on teams selected to play in the semifinals. That makes championship weekend especially important as voters focus on contenders making closing arguments.

Presumptive front-runner Joe Burrow of LSU heads into the Southeastern Conference title game against No. 4 Georgia with what seems like a commanding lead in the Heisman race. Who will join the Tigers' quarterback as finalists when the trophy is handed out Dec. 14 is still unclear. The real race is likely for second place.

Oklahoma quarterback Jalen Hurts, Wisconsin tailback Jonathan Taylor, Utah quarterback Tyler Huntley and a handful of players from Ohio State and Clemson may be able to use conference championship games this weekend as springboards to New York. "It certainly has become much more impactful," said Heisman historian Chris Huston, who runs Heisman.com for the Heisman Trust.

Since 2014, 14 of the 17 Heisman Trophy finalists have played on championship weekend. The Heisman hopefuls who aren't playing on the final weekend before votes are due need to have been especially spectacular — think Lamar Jackson from Louisville in 2016 — or they will be forgotten.

"Because of the attention on the playoff it's become 'the best player on one of the best teams' and that's a lazy way of doing it," said Heisman voter Brett McMurphy of Stadium.

This season, there are 926 members of the media and former Heisman winners voting for the award. The trust asks voters to submit their top three in order. Most votes are cast online. The deadline is Monday afternoon and the finalists are announced that night.

In the latest Heisman straw poll conducted by The Athletic, Burrow received 50 of 51 first-place votes. Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields was second, followed by Buckeyes defensive end Chase Young, Hurts and yet another Buckeye, running back J.K. Dobbins. Auburn defensive tackle Derrick Brown (seventh) did best among those not playing this weekend.

The playoff's influence on Heisman voting has amplified a trend that started with the Bowl Championship Series, which decided the national champion from 1998-2013. During those 16 seasons, 10 Heisman winners played for teams that made the BCS championship game, including 10 of the last 14. Teams that played for the BCS title accounted for 27 of the 71 finalists (38%) over that period.

Two notable exceptions were Johnny Manziel of Texas A& M in 2012 and Robert Griffin III of Baylor in 2011. Both of those teams entered November with multiple losses, but had stellar final months, highlighted by memorable victories in high-profile games. Johnny Football and the Aggies knocked off No. 1 Alabama. RGIII and the Bears beat No. 5 Oklahoma, snapping a 20-game losing streak to the Sooners.

So if you are not in the national championship mix, scrambling the race late in the season can get the attention of Heisman voters.

Not showing up at all in The Athletic's straw poll was Alabama star Tua Tagovailoa. The junior quarterback has missed a third of the season (three full games, two halves) because of injuries but is easily among the best players in the country.

He leads the nation in efficiency rating at 206.93, which will break the single-second NCAA record he set last year. Tagovailoa is second in yards per attempt at 11.3, behind Hurts at 11.7. His 33 touchdown passes is tied for fifth in the nation and at 315.6 yards passing per game, he is fourth.

IN HIS SIGHTS

Arians has not committed to making Jameis Winston the long-term answer at quarterback for the Bucs.

Pro Bowl linebacker Darious Leonard thinks Winston has everything it takes to thrive in that role, though. The Colts' defensive leader provided his own scouting report, full of the intangibles he witnessed as the two worked out together during the offseason. "He can throw the ball," Leonard said. "I know what kind of guy he is, I know what kind of leader he is and he's throwing the ball to a lot of his receivers. He knows how to make a play down the field. He's definitely one of those great quarterbacks."

COLTS

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season.

"I'm doing everything I can to get back out there," Hilton said. "If I can, I can and if I can't then I'm going to have to shut it down. But I'm doing everything I can."

Indy finished last week's game with only three healthy receivers after Chester Rogers suffered a season-ending knee injury on the Colts' opening series. Chad Williams was promoted from the practice squad earlier this week and the Colts could get more help if rookie Parris Campbell (hand) can play.

BRADY

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"He sees plays to make that a lot of other quarterbacks wouldn't see, just because of his ability to do it," Brady said of the third-year veteran. "He's just a phenomenal player, and he picked up this year where he left off last year."

Brady, 18 years older than Mahomes, went out of his way at Arrowhead last year to seek out his young foe in the lockers and speak at length with him, something he couldn't do on the field. "He's a great player and

he had a great season," Brady said. "I think that with the celebration and so forth that went on on the field after the game, I didn't get a chance to tell him that. We're all in this sport and we all watch each other play a lot of football. We study everyone and you kind of gain admiration for what they do and how they do it."

"It's not a big group of guys that are doing it at one particular time," he said, "and for five months of my life, I'm pretty much totally dedicated to football and watching tape, and watching quarterbacks do things. We have a lot of things in common."

NFL

Rookies make big impact on NFL season

BY JOSH DUBOW

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ALAMEDA, Calif. — Hey rook, get in there.

The salary cap, rookie wage scale and migration of strategies from the college to the professional game have placed more of a premium than ever on playing rookies in the NFL.

The days of sitting on the bench or having limited roles while learning from trusted veterans is long gone. Players are thrown right into the thick of the action.

Even an old-time coach like Oakland's Jon Gruden adapted. After relying heavily on veterans like Jerry Rice, Rich Gannon and Eric Allen to fortify an already experienced roster in his first stint as coach of the Raiders, Gruden has turned to the youngsters to help rebuild a struggling team.

Thanks to having three first-round picks last year because of trades that sent away established stars Khalil Mack and Amari Cooper, the Raiders have gotten more touchdowns (14), sacks (11), yards rushing (1,079) and receptions (82) than any other class of rookies this season. That's thanks in large part to strong performances from first-round running back Josh Jacobs and fourth-round defensive end Maxx Crosby.

"I think the way the salary cap is now I think has a lot to do with that," Gruden said. "You get four or five years into your career, you get into that second contract, you can't have everybody making that amount of money in this salary cap era."

"It's a combination of everybody in high school, college and pro kind of merging toward the spread type of football."

The Raiders are far from alone in getting significant production from the rookie class, with No. 1 overall pick Kyler Murray looking like an emerging star quarterback in Arizona; Nick Bosa and Josh Allen developing into elite pass-rushing threats; and several receivers showing off big-play ability, like D.K. Metcalf in Seattle and Terry McLaurin in Washington.

Here's a deeper look into

the 2019 rookie class:

QUARTERBACK CLASS

Murray went to Arizona with the top pick a year after the Cardinals used a first-rounder on Josh Rosen — and has lived up to the billing. Murray has thrown for 2,866 yards while starting every game, has thrown for 14 TDs compared to only six interceptions, and has rushed for 446 yards and four scores. He has sparked an offense that struggled to do anything last year and has drawn lofty comparisons already to more established quarterbacks such as Russell Wilson.

"He's good for a rookie," 49ers defensive lineman Arik Armstead said. "The guy is talented. He's just like Russ back there. He's a Houdini back there making guys miss, trying to extend plays downfield."

Murray was one of three first-round quarterbacks, along with Daniel Jones of the Giants and Washington's Dwayne Haskins. Jones, the sixth overall pick, took over as starter in Week 3 and has shown some flashes but struggled with ball security. His 10 lost fumbles are the most in the NFL in 16 years, and his 21 turnovers in all are second worst this season.

Jones is now out with a sprained ankle.

Haskins waited until Week 9 to take over as starter after being drafted 15th overall, and his 54.1% completion rate is second worst among all QBs with at least 100 attempts.

The second-most productive rookie QB has been sixth-round pick Gardner Minshew, who won four of eight games as starter in Jacksonville. His 91.1 passer rating is the best for a rookie through 13 weeks since Dak Prescott in 2016. This week, he recaptured the job from pricey free-agent signee Nick Foles.

Even undrafted players — Pittsburgh's Devlin Hodges and Detroit's David Blough — have gotten a chance. Hodges has taken over as starter in Pittsburgh and has the Steelers in position for a

wild-card spot.

BEST OF THE REST

Several other first-round picks look like they have star potential, mostly on the defensive line. Bosa is a top contender for defensive rookie honors as one of the key's to San Francisco's dominant defense with eight sacks and an interception.

Allen went to Jacksonville at No. 7 and leads all rookies with nine sacks as one of the bright spots in a disappointing season for the Jaguars.

A couple of interior linemen also have fared well early, with 17th pick Dexter Lawrence of the Giants anchoring the middle of New York's defense, and Jeffrey Simmons becoming a great value in Tennessee after slipping to No. 19 after he tore his right ACL in February. Simmons' return Oct. 20 helped spark the Titans' recent turnaround.

EARLY DISAPPOINTMENTS

While 12 games into the season is too early to call anyone a bust, a few first-round picks have failed to live up expectations.

The Raiders used the No. 4 overall pick on defensive lineman Clelin Ferrell, who has not made much of an impact outside of a 2 1/2-sack game against the Chargers last month.

He's fared much better than No. 29 pick L.J. Collier of Seattle. The defensive lineman has yet to have a quarterback pressure, according to Pro Football Focus, and was scratched last week.

Receiver N'Keal Harry was picked by New England with the final selection of the first round and began the season on the injured list. He has four catches and two drops in three games and ran a poor pattern on his only target last week, leading to an interception.

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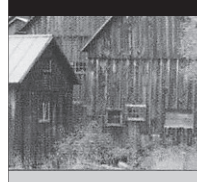
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